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July 29, 2024

**Re: Letter of Resolution Request for an NDIT Economic Infrastructure application – CYCS's Northern Fresh Food Centre**

To Mayor Yu and Council,

I am writing this letter to request a Letter of Resolution for the CYCS NDIT application dated July 29, 2024. CYCS is seeking \$97,000 from the NDIT Economic Infrastructure grant fund.

Thank you to Mayor and Council, CYCS recently received \$30,000 from NDIT to fund kitchen renovations (to provide much needed updates to expand our Community Kitchen program and create a user friendly kitchen to rent to the general public – this project will be completed before the end of August 2024) and gym bleacher wall renovations (to remove dry, splintering tongue and groove boards and replace with quality birch plywood and stained – this project was completed on July 15 2024) – see photos attached here.



CYCS presently requests the following: *That the City of Prince George supports the grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Connaught Youth Centre Society for a grant up to \$97,000 in support of the Connaught Youth Centre’s Northern Fresh Food Centre, an 8’x12’ ebb/flow hydroponic grow system for growing year round greens/herbs for the community as an urban year-round farm to be located at Connaught Youth Centre at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Victoria Street, to be funded from the Economic Infrastructure grant fund.*

Alignment with City of Prince George’s OCP 2024:

Our Vision of Prince George in 2040 “good *food* on the table” (p20)

A Supportive City - Planning for social well-being is multi-faceted, covering everything from housing to health, *food*, diversity, and community engagement. (p23)

Farmland - Protect farmland as an economic generator and “increase awareness of the importance of *local food* for our health and well-being”. (p28)

6.4 B. Caring for our Natural Environment & Forests - Policy 6.4.11 - Integrated land use approaches should be implemented wherever possible to improve opportunities for biodiversity, ecosystem connectivity, recreation, *agriculture, and local food production*, while reducing conflicts. (p47)

7.3 Health and Wellness –

- “Important components of health and wellness include: active living and healthy *eating*; recreation and leisure; *community food security*” (p71)

- Active Living & Healthy Eating: - “*Access to local and healthy food* at the neighbourhood level supports residents in making the healthy choice the easy choice *while supporting the local food systems*. (p71)

- Food Security: *Food and agriculture play an important role in a sustainable community by improving the environment, the economy, the health of our population and our community’s well being. Access to quality, local food is increasing in demand throughout much of North America due to high cost of food, limited availability and a growing awareness in sustainable agriculture. The increasing costs associated with the production and shipping of food can result in limitations for community access to quality food. The production and supply of local food can help provide food security but requires support to establish systems for community food production at all levels.* (p72)

**Objective 7.3.2** *Support partnerships with groups and organizations to ensure residents have access to active living opportunities and healthy food in the community.*

**Objective 7.3.4** *Encourage a culture of local, healthy food.*

7.3 A. *Active Living and Healthy Eating* (p72)

Policy 7.3.1 *Support and promote active living and healthy eating.* (p72)

Policy 7.3.2 *Support the implementation of the Healthy Food and Beverage Policy.* (72)

Policy 7.3.3 *Encourage the social and physical environments where children live, learn and play to be more supportive of physical activity and healthy eating.* (p72)

Policy 7.3.5 *Support increased consumer access to local and healthy food through local food institutions and retail markets throughout the community.* (p73)

7.3 B. *Food Security* (p73)

**Policy 7.3.7-***Support agricultural and food systems planning to improve the current state of food systems and to encourage local food self-reliance* (p73)

**Policy 7.3.8-***Ensure that food and agricultural spaces are accessible to all people.* (p73)

**Policy 7.3.9** *Ensure existing policies and bylaws help eliminate barriers to sustainable food and agriculture systems.* (p73)

Policy 7.3.11-*Support food and agricultural opportunities in education and community facilities, parks and open spaces.* (p73)

**Policy 7.3.12-***Support development of community gardens and community kitchens.* (p73)

Policy 7.3.13 *Promote attractive agricultural and community gardens* in highly visible public or semi-private spaces, ensuring balance with wildlife considerations. (p73)

Policy 7.3.14 *Encourage collaboration among industries, such as forestry and agriculture, to foster innovation in local food production.* (p73)

Policy 7.3.15 *Encourage research and education on local food production and self-reliance.* (p73)

*Active Living & Healthy Eating – “Access to local and healthy food at the neighbourhood level supports residents in making the healthy choice the easy choice while supporting the local food systems”* (p74)

CYCS was recently chosen from over 500 applicants across Western Canada as a recipient of the Co op Community Spaces Grant. CYCS received \$58,000 towards the Northern Fresh Food Centre:

[Northern Fresh Food Project gets some green in Prince George - Prince George Citizen](#)  
[Connaught Youth Centre Society in Prince George, BC receives \\$58,000 in funding](#)  
[\(dosomegood.ca\)](#)

[Connaught Youth Centre receives \\$58,000 from Four Rivers Co-op Community Spaces Program | CKPGToday.ca](#)

[Connaught Youth Centre to build year-round garden with Co-op grant - My Prince George Now](#)

The requested NDIT Economic Infrastructure grant amount of \$97,000 will fulfill the balance (project total \$155,000) required to purchase the proposed unit described above.

I can be reached at the above contact address, email and/or phone numbers if you have any questions. CYCS looks forward to a City of Prince George response to our support request. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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Executive Director CYC Society